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GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER IN WIDE RANGING

SPEECH TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY DISCUSSED

COUNCIL'S ROLE IN EUROPEAN AND WORLD AFFAIRS, AS VIEWED BY

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COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AND DESCRIBED FRG POSITION ON A NUMBER

OF IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES:

ON EUROPEAN MATTERS, GENSCHER STRESSED ROLE OF COUNCIL AS FORUM OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACIES AND GOVERNMENT OF LAW. RECALLING RECENT RETURN OF GREECE TO COUNCIL, GENSCHER PRAISED COUNCIL ROLE OF SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE NOTED THAT COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE COUNCIL PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WITH PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES AND REPORTED THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AT THE PROSPECTS OF A RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN SPAIN AND DEMOCRATIC EUROPE. GENSCHER IMPLIED THAT IN HIS GOVERNMENT'S OPINION, RAPPROCHEMENT AND EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP OF PORTUGAL AND SPAIN IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE THEIR ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (THE NINE).

COUNCIL'S ROLE IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS ALSO IMPORTANT GENSCHER SAID PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF ASSESSING AND FOLLOWING UP APPLICATION OF FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE. IN ADDITION TO CONSULTATIONS WITHIN NATO AND COMMUNITIES, FRG STRONGLY SUPPORTS CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF OPINION ON APPLICATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT WITHIN COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS.

RECOGNIZING THE LIMITATIONS OF CSCE, AND STRESSING COUNCIL'S ROLE IN PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF MAN, GENSCHER CALLED ON COUNCIL AND PARTICULARLY THE ASSEMBLY TO TAKE INCREASING ROLE IN ASSURING THAT THESE RIGHTS BE EXTENDED TO ALL PEOPLES. IN AN ALLUSION TO THE EAST GERMANS, GENSCHER STATED THAT THE QUESTION IS ONE WHICH CAUSES GREAT PAIN TO THE PEOPLE OF THE FRG.

IN DISCUSSING THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPE, GENSCHER STATED THAT THERE IS NO SERIOUS ALTERNATIVE TO A COMMON EUROPEAN POLICY, IF EUROPE IS TO MAKE ITS WEIGHT FELT IN THE WORLD. THE FRG HAS NEVER HAD THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT ABOUT THE NEED FOR A UNITED EUROPE.

THE FRG SUPPORTS THE TINDEMANS REPORT AS A GENERAL GUIDE TOWARD EUROPEAN UNION. IT SHARES THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE REPORT AND WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO SEE THAT DECISIONS ARE TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY TO ADVANCE EUROPEAN UNION. HOWEVER, UNCLASSIFIED

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HE REASSURED COUNCIL THAT THE NINE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNCIL AS THE "MOST IMPORTANT FORUM" OF ALL WEST EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES AND THAT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THESE DEMOCRACIES WILL PLAY INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE.

IN BRIEF BOW TO NATO, GENSCHER RECALLED THAT CSCE FOR ALL ITS IMPORTANCE, DID NOT CHANGE THE RELATION OF ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE. THUS THE DECISIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE ATLANTIC

ALLIANCE AND THE CORESPONSIBILITY OF NORTH AMERICA FOR THE SECURITY OF EUROPE HAS BEEN CLEARLY RECOGNIZED.

GENSCHER STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF NORTH SOUTH PROBLEMS. STATING THAT CLASSIC COLONISLISM NOW BEING REPLACED BY "IDEOLOGICAL COLONIALISM" GENSCHER CONDEMNED FOREIGN INTER-FERENCE IN ANGOLA AND EXPRESSED FRG CONCERN ON GROWTH OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THAT COUNTRY. ON OTHER HAND HE PRAISED EFFORTS OF INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING WORLD TO ENGAGE IN SEARCH FOR SOLUTION OF COMMON PROBLEMS.

FINALLY, HE CALLED FOR INCREASED EFFORTS AMONG MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO DRAFT EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON EXTRADITION AND PUNISHMENT OF TERRORISTS AND FOR ENERGETIC EFFORTS IN THE UN FOR A WORLD CONVENTION WHICH WILL DENY REFUGE TO TERRORISTS.

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